

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

I have written you before, but want to reinforce that you need to support the merger of DirectTV and Echostar. That is the only way for us viewers to assure quality of service and continued competition with the high costs of cable. Echostar's CEO has assured us that the costs will be the same across the country after the merger so that commitment will protect the rural folks who have no cable.

I trust Charles Ergen to keep his word as he has kept every promise made to us subscribers. I have been a Dish subscriber since 1996 and really appreciate Echostar's honesty and effort to please their customers.

Please let the FCC know that there are other voices than those of the Broadcasters who have the current leverage with them and Congress.

The quality of reception with Dish far exceeds any cable I have seen, particularly the lousy service Rio Rancho is receiving from Cable One.

Sincerely,

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